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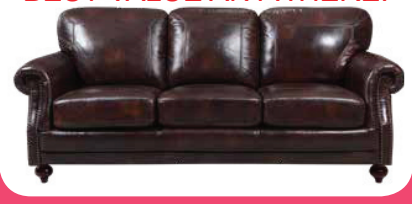

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Fair an introduction to volunteer opportunities, new technology

JENN WATT
County Life Editor

Those looking to broaden their horizons and try something new need to mark Friday, May 4 on their calendar for Volunteer Recruitment and Try It Again Fair – previously two events, which have come together this year.

From 3:30 to 7 p.m., participants are invited to come to the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Athletic Complex to try new activities and meet with organizations seeking volunteers.

"It is an awesome opportunity for those who have thought about volunteering but don't know where to start or if someone is new to the Highlands and wants to get involved in the community," said Brigitte Gebauer, co-ordinator of volunteer services at Haliburton Highlands Health Services.

A long list of community organizations have already signed up for booths at the fair, including Abbey Gardens, Haliburton Highlands Museum, Rails End Gallery, Canoe FM, Haliburton Highlands Health Services, Haliburton Highlands Outdoor Association, and the municipalities of Algonquin Highlands, Dysart and Minden Hills among others.

"Because we are partnered with the Try It Fair this year, it becomes far more than a volunteer fair," said Gebauer. "You can explore all sorts of interesting businesses, organizations and entrepreneurs who are offering experiential displays where you can try things out, see interesting demonstrations on how things are made. The Try It Fair is part of the larger maker movement that has swept the globe in the last decade and serves to introduce folks to equipment and services offered by the Community of Making."

With Laura Trach of Orange Cat Studio looking on, student Rachael Reddering tries her hand at hemming at the last Try It Fair. The next fair is May 4 at the high school. /File photo by Darren Lum

The fair will also include the Lions Club offering vision and hearing screening as well as diabetes awareness and a by-donation café.

Benefits of volunteering include meeting new people, developing skills, building a resume and providing an introduction to possible career directions.

"Volunteering gives you a chance to learn more about a career area before you make a commitment," Gebauer said.

"Volunteering can provide you with skills, experience, contacts and opportunities. It can also provide an enormous amount of satisfaction and accomplishment and a lot of fun! You've got nothing to lose and everything to gain!"

Gebauer also pointed out that volunteering can boost mood and self-esteem and that for those who are older adults, it helps them remain active and connected to the community.

"Studies have found that older adults who volunteer have reduced stress-related illnesses and higher self-esteem and are less likely to feel isolated," she said.

"Volunteering can also have a positive impact on lifestyle transitions in older adults as they retire, downsize their housing or deal with health issues."

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Kinmount Dinner Auction to benefit village

Since 1995 the annual Dinner Auction has been held to raise funds for enhancement projects within the village of Kinmount in addition to the many capital projects that have been undertaken.

Some of these major projects include the restoration of the Austin Sawmill and the creation of Heritage Park in addition to major upgrades to the century old community hall.

These current upgrades to the hall include the installation of accessible washrooms and the complete redecoration of the hall itself.

The Committee for Planning works tirelessly to fulfill its primary mandate, which is to preserve local heritage while boosting the local economy through tourism and job creation.

The most current example of this is the recent creation of a heritage meeting room within the historic CN railway station. Funds raised at the event this year will be directed towards the renewal of the exterior of the railway station.

These capital projects are costly and the committee relies not only on local business, service clubs, and individuals within the community to support these initiatives, but appeals are made right across the province to major hotel chains, theatres and Ontario attractions to provide gift certificates, tickets and admission passes for auction items.

Some of the many major items that have been received to date include a voucher from VIA Rail to be used to offset the cost of a trip anywhere VIA travels, ticket vouchers for the Shaw and Stratford Festival theatres and overnight accommodation certificates in major venues across the province.

There is no doubt this event is one of the most exciting events of the year.

Patrons enjoy an evening of good food catered by the Galway Hall Committee and opportunities to bid on unique silent auction items. They are also invited to take chances on raffle ticket items as the evening comes to a close with the live auction. Bids are taken by auctioneer Patrick O'Reilly on such major live auction items as firewood, tandem loads of gravel and getaway trips to destinations around the province. Tickets, which sell out quickly, are $25 and can be purchased by calling 705-488-2635 or 705-488-2687.

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Musical quintet Sultans of String will be bringing their blend of world music to the stage at this summer's Forest Festival./Photo submitted

Fan favourites back for Forest Festival

Organizers of this summer's Forest Festival announced the musical lineup last week and it includes some familiar faces.

Susan Aglukark, Sarah Harmer, Cowboy Junkies, Rob Lutes, Sultans of String, BMC Organ Trio with guest Ian Hendrickson-Smith and Leahy are among the acts coming to Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve during the week of Aug. 15 to 19. Performances will be held at the Bone Lake Amphitheatre and the Logging Museum.

Organizers said they expect several of the shows to sell out quickly. More information can be found at www.theforestfestival.com. You can also buy your tickets on the website.

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New service delivers mental health help to your door (for free)

JENN WATT
County Life Editor

For those struggling with low mood, anxiety or depression, a new provincial initiative is offering workbooks, coaching and videos at no cost to the consumer.

BounceBack workbooks are delivered in the mail, coaching sessions available by phone and videos are posted online for those seeking help for mental health issues.

"The fact that it's OHIP covered, that's a big swing in government policy," said Jack Veitch, health promoter and educator with the Canadian Mental Health Association, Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge Branch.

The program is well suited to the Haliburton region, where people often live in isolated areas and transportation is difficult to arrange and costly.

BounceBack is free for anyone with a health card and requires a referral from a doctor (although it can be through a doctor at a walk-in clinic or other venue).

"This is a course that's fantastic for people who have been experiencing low mood, depression or anxiety. It's a correspondence style course, which means materials get mailed right to your door and it's based on the model of cognitive behavioural therapy," Veitch said in an interview with the paper.

"This will be primarily for those that are trying to access psychotherapy that traditionally have not been able to … perhaps because they're living in a remote community or they don't have the transportation or the cost, being a free program that's a real bonus," he said.

BounceBack is for anyone 15 or older, but is not for everyone, which is why talking to a doctor is the best way to sign up.

Participants can go at their own pace with the workbooks. BounceBack includes three to six telephone coaching sessions and you can leave the program at any time.

Some topics covered include assertiveness, changing unhelpful or extreme thinking and overcoming sleep problems.

Veitch has worked for CMHA for the last 11 years and said he's noticed a big shift in how people view mental health issues.

He said society has become more open in talking about mental health and the stigma is lessening, though there is still a long way to go.

On April 10, he was the featured speaker at the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce breakfast where he spoke about the role one's beliefs have on behaviour and mood.

Veitch is available to talk to businesses or other groups about promoting good mental health. You can contact him at 705-748-6687 ext. 1015 or jveitch@cmhahkpr.ca.

To find out more about BounceBack, go to www.bouncebackontario.ca. You can find a referral form on the website along with more detail on the program.

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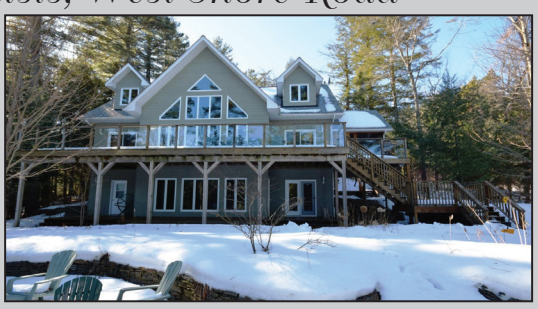

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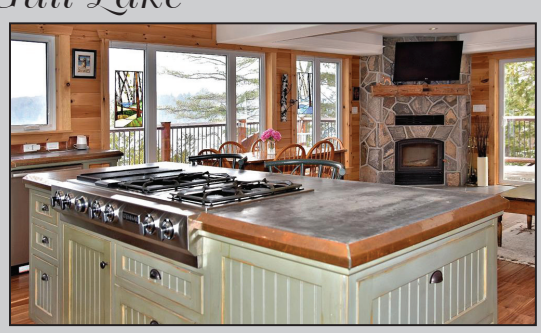

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FURY

Seagull thrashing through a flurry of Snow,
Winter battering Spring.
I stand on the path, watching its wings flap without flying anywhere,
feathers of Snow swirling through the Air,
Wind hurling it sideways, crumpling its squawks,
as it struggles to rise into the sanctuary of Sky,
suspended so low in the Air,
I reach up with my hands to yank it free,
smudging the sliver disc of Sun instead.
I spot a fleck of white fluttering on the branch of a willow,
Wind swelling the hollow ghost.
I stare at the bloated plastic bag haunting the branch,
scowling at the storm whirling all around me,
wondering when Winter will finally surrender, its fury trampling Spring.
I gawk up at the seagull, its wings writhing in the Wind,
the squawks of distant gulls piercing the Air,
calling out to their con-frère trapped in the fangs of the storm.
I too, cannot move, my feet frozen on the path,
glancing neither forward nor back,
blinking at the snow flakes barrelling towards me,
crystals of ice scouring my face,
the flurry that whirls around me blinding me beyond the seagull still flailing above,
Wind refusing to release it from its cage.
How it rages, bashing the seagull's wings,
flinging the ghost face impaled on the willow branch, into the Air,
where it floats over the Lake,
still sealed beneath a lid of ice.
I watch it drift through the Air, till it shrivels to a speck,
swallowed by blank Sky, wondering whether it will make it to the other side,
the seagull's screeches slicing through me,
silencing Spring that drips from its wings,
Wind hurling it to some other place where Air warms its Breath,
blowing it across fields and through the trees,
scattering seeds instead of Snow.

Sylvie Kalenda, April 2018

A tin can banjo-ukulele by rosBuilt Tin Can Banjo. They will be at Haliburton Art and Craft 2018. /Photo submitted

Last call comes early in Haliburton

LAURIE JONES
Special to *County Life*

It was 7:45 on a Thursday night in Haliburton Village. I was about to lock up and go join our board secretary, Dagmar, for a de-briefing beverage after a long board meeting when in walked Scotty, a drum circle regular toting a banjo. "The open sign was on. Is ukulele happening tonight?"

I told him the Ukuladies practice had moved to the Radio Hall, it was probably over and Dagmar invited him to join us at McKecks. Five minutes later our unlikely threesome was installed by the fire sipping Boshkung 35&118 and I was describing Rails End Gallery's summer show about stringed instruments, "Making Music."

"I can see it clearly in my mind's eye; the thing is, how to make it happen?" I said, before rattling off the names of my collaborators: Bethany Houghton, Wendy Everden, Frank Bros. Guitar, Steve Main, October Browne, the elevator service man Don, and others. "There will be 20 minute cushion concerts for kids, cigar box gittys, a boutique electric guitar, cello, maybe a double bass, violin, tin can banjos; and I'd love to get my hands on a Keith Studholme guitar. Steve even has an idea for a full body vibration/sound installation."

At this point Dagmar threw her arm up toward the ceiling. "Picture a taut wire from the rafters, anchored to the floor, a tuner key that could be played by gallery visitors. Picture five of them! That would be amazing."

Scotty stroked his beard. "Something I've always wanted to do is play to a lying down audience, call it "bed rock, everybody lying on the floor just listening."

Dagmar started to sing, Just like Barney Rubble – "Flintstones, meet the Flintstones/They're the modern Stone Age Family/From the town of Bedrock."

I asked Scotty if "Bed Rock" could be performed at Rails End during Making Music.

"Sure. I don't see why not," he replied.

Our beers were already half gone when the waitress came over and announced "Last call. Anybody want another beer?"

"I'm meeting Deb off the bus at the Shamrock station. Maybe I should stay here a bit longer," said Dagmar.

"I'll wait with you if you want. We can sip water til they close," said Scotty.

And me, I said, "I'd better go and write my item for the *County Life*. I haven't a clue what to write about though."

"Tell that story about how you got your first guitar. It was a good one. Why don't you write about that?" Dagmar and Scotty suggested.

We chatted some more. Dagmar told about her first ukulele buy. She said she went to a music store. Looked around. Pointed to a ukulele on the wall and told the clerk "That one." My story was about the same. Only it took me a year to get up the nerve to go to the store. It was 2016, I was 59 years old and too shy to try one out, so I put myself in the hands of the clerk, who was kind, and I went home with a smile and a Seagull guitar. Scotty told us the tin can banjo he'd walked in with wasn't his, it belonged to his friend Donald. Dagmar picked up the tab. We parted on the sidewalk and decided to head home because the bus was often late and Deb would call when it got close. Scotty walked to his vehicle, tin can banjo tucked under his arm, Dagmar left for home and I got into my car, tuned to Canoe FM and pulled away from the curb. It was already 8:45 p.m. and I had a story to write.

Laurie Jones is curator of the Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre in Haliburton.

Top 10 signs that spring has finally arrived

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

1. April Showers: I'm not talking about the rain so much as the actual showers you have to take after slipping on ice and landing in the mud.
2. The return of all the songbirds – to the spot on the phone line directly over your newly washed car.
3. The discovery that your dogs saved you a ton of money in lawn fertilizer.
4. You wonder what that strange colour in the sky is – and someone reminds you that it's blue.
5. Love is in the air – but only if you love black flies.
6. You find a new hole in your fishing waders – while using them.
7. All the ice finally leaves the lake – and shows up on a patch of sidewalk you weren't paying attention to.
8. You're not sure if hem lines are up or you got shorter.
9. You put your winter coat away and will not see it till next year – along with some valuable item you desperately need that's in one of the pockets.
10. You put the snow shovel away one storm too early.

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Shrine Club welcomes Stephen Hunter

Stephen Hunter spoke to the Nobles and Ladies of the Algonquin Shrine Club at their meeting in April. Hunter is a member of the Algonquin First Nation and a leader of the local Algonquin community (Kijicho Manito Madaouskarini). He is a strong steward of all things Algonquin from their language and arts to the traditions and values that make up their distinct identity. He is known as a traditional birch bark canoe builder. The members thoroughly enjoyed the talk that Hunter gave regarding how all people should work together./Submitted by Noble Charles Mullett, Public Relations

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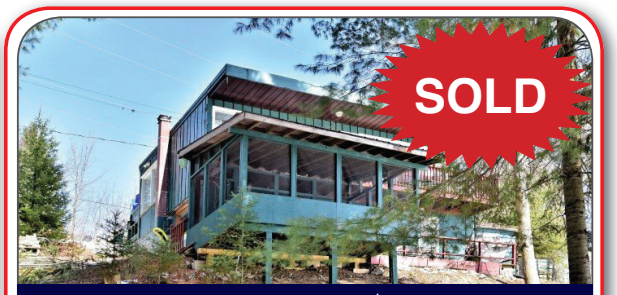

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Theatre program gives kids 10 to 14 an early start

SUE TIFFIN
County Life Staff

It's common to hear celebrated thespians on awards shows looking back at influences in their younger years to thank the people and programs that gave them the skills they needed to succeed.

Perhaps one day we'll hear an acknowledgement to the Early Stages apprenticeship theatre program, held for the past few summers in Haliburton County. Or maybe alumni of the program will pursue a path other than theatre, and simply use their experience to live a more creative life.

The four-week program, an initiative through the Highlands Summer Festival, begins in July. About half the spots this year – the fifth year the program will run – have already been filled with kids aged 10 to 14.

"We use theatre-related games and exercises to develop skills," said Scot Denton, the artistic producer of the Highlands Summer Festival since 2008. "Those skills are teamwork; focus; storytelling and this is a tricky one to describe, we try to get them to understand that their response to things like stories and events is valid on its own. That's a complicated thing ... but it's the basis of art, really, and creativity."

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>
> — Scot Denton

The program helps encourage kids to connect with their own creativity through games and exercises, often in groups.

Denton leads the program with two instructors who come from performance-based programs (such as those offered through George Brown, Sheridan College, or Ryerson University). The instructors also perform in the summer festival program, and students in the Early Stages program are able to watch a rehearsal where they can see their own instructor learning. Students are also offered comp tickets for themselves to attend the Highlands Summer Festival performances as theatregoers.

"They have fun," said Denton. "Sometimes two or three of them come together, and they get the chance to speak to the actors."

At the end of the Early Stages program, the participants present their work through performances that include theatre scenes or movement pieces.

"Movement pieces – it's not dancing, it's a story set to music," said Denton. "What you see is people telling a story with physicality, like a scene where nobody talks but something is happening. They learn the value of the inner experience for themselves. If you are experiencing something, people will know what is happening to you, they will see it."

To date, Denton said the program, which can include up to 16 participants, has been fun and also worthwhile for participants.

"They get a lot out of it, and much of what they get, they don't even know," said Denton, who suspects many students will look back years later and realize how the course had helped to shape them.

The Early Stages apprenticeship theatre program was developed as part of the Highlands Summer Festivals' mandate to include young people, and

Director Scot Denton, left, actor/vocalist James Frantowski and actor/vocalist/choreographer Beth Robertson taught Early Stages two year ago. This apprenticeship theatre program for local 10 to 14 year olds forms part of the Highlands Summer Festival experience. /File photo

teach them the value of theatre. Denton said the 10 to 14 age-range is an "amazing age for kids."

"They're incredibly creative and they don't know," said Denton. "Often they just think they're like everybody else. They don't realize how unique they are."

The Early Stages apprenticeship theatre program for young performers runs from 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Monday to Thursday, from July 3 to July 26 at St. George's Anglican Church in Haliburton. Kids aged 10 to 14 are welcome to enroll in the program, which costs $215. Participants bring their own lunch to eat during the daytime program. In the past, bursaries to attend the program have been available.

To secure a spot, contact Scot Denton at 416-486-5008 or Melissa Stephens at 705-455-2366.

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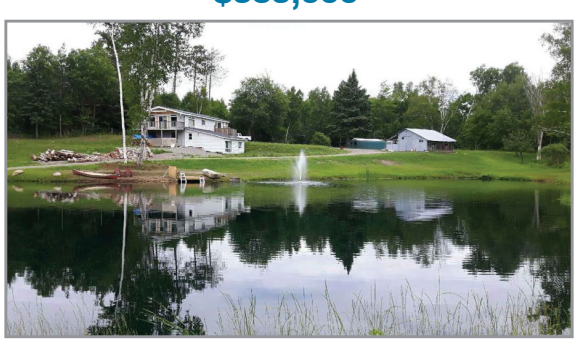

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Students at Archie Stouffer Elementary School wore gold and green, or jerseys, in support of the Humboldt Broncos via #JerseysforHumboldt and #HumboldtStrong social media campaigns on April 12./SUE TIFFIN Staff

Haliburton County Paramedic Service posted this photo to social media honouring "the team members, family and friends involved in the Humboldt Broncos accident. Also in support of the first responders that answered the call." Jersey Day was observed across the country on April 12 in memory of the 16 who died after their bus was struck by a transport truck in Saskatchewan on April 6. /Submitted

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Together with teacher Kaitlin Allore, ASES students created ribbons, hair bows and bracelets in the Humboldt Broncos team colours on April 12. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

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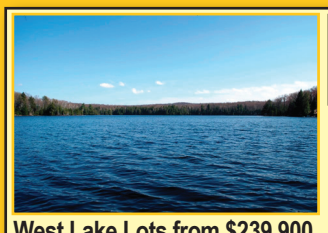

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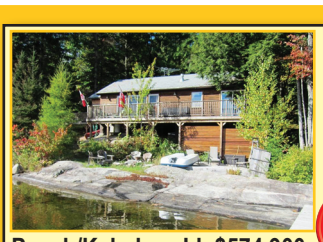

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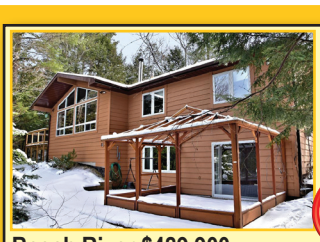

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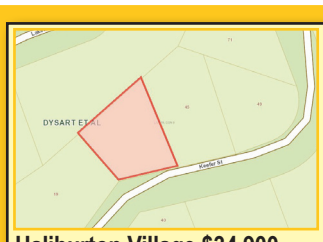

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- Walking distance to downtown Haliburton
- Utilities are at the lot line and ready to go

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& Andy Mosher**
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Long Lake $129,900

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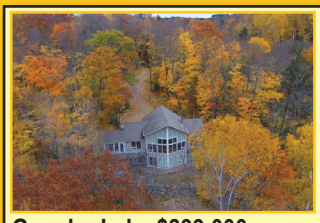
- Great views, sunset exposure



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- 5 generous bedrooms, 3 washrooms
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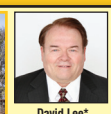

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Kushog Lake $749,000

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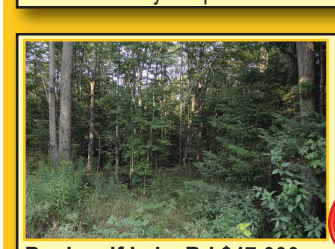
- Level lot, clean shoreline, premium lake system
- Fully finished WO basement, triple car garage



Brandon Nimigon*
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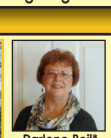

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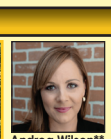

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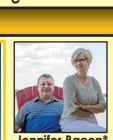

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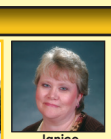

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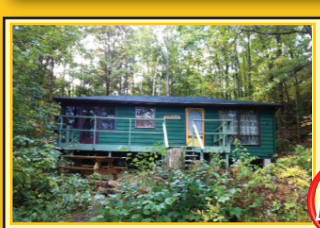

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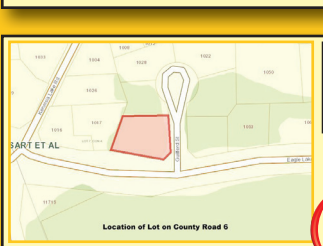

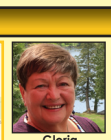

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Adventure at the Drop In Tavern

It all started with a mason jar. I was six years old and I had a fixation with mason jars. I suspect mason jars were popular in the '50s because many people, including my grandmother, did a lot of jarring back then. I especially remember her sour cherry preserves. I can still see them stacked like burgundy marbles inside those bovine jars. Whenever they were on offer, I devoured them in as large quantities as I could get away with. They became one of my favourite cravings when I was pregnant, but that was a much later story ...

One Saturday afternoon in the summer when I was six, I took it into my head to wander down George Avenue to the Drop In Tavern at the corner of George and Tecumseh. The Drop In was a sprawling two-storey, yellow brick building, fairly respectable looking despite having "tavern" in its name. It was only a block away or so away from home, but that was still a long journey for my short legs.

There were divisions in the sidewalk that encouraged "step on the crack" games. I dutifully stepped over each crack as I moved along under the archway of mature trees that lined the sidewalk. To my right, the same trees hovered over a parade of houses ranging from French colonial to post-war Central Mortgage. It was a dappled walk on that sunshine day.

I had brought a mason jar with me, filled with clean tap water. Somehow my child's mind knew that on Saturday afternoons in the summer, there would be a slew of unoccupied cars in the parking lot behind the Drop In, and they would be decked out in multi-coloured lengths of crepe paper. The two-inch wide serrated strips would have been draped around the fenders, then slung over the roof and across the hood, where they would be pinned to the centre of the front grill with a couple of giant Kleenex flowers.

I loved those decorations, so fluffy and feminine and completely out of place on George Avenue.

I parked my wee bottom down on the gravel beside one car and began to tear away strips of blue paper so I could drop them into the mason jar. As a result, many of the strips that had been proudly horizontal were dragging dejectedly on the stones around me.

The ethics of this was not beyond me. Somewhere inside I was scandalized with myself, but the feeling was only temporary. I was on a mission. I was enthralled at the sight of the bright blue dye spreading like smoke through the clear water. I screwed the lid back on the container and made my way back home, where I placed the jar on the grass in the sunshine. Sitting there, the jar was mine to visit whenever I wanted to marvel at the glistening pure colour shining through the glass.

Looking back, my adult self asks, "I wonder what on earth those wedding guests thought when they got back to their cars?" My inner child responds, "If they only knew!"

Andrea Percy is a member of the Algonquin Highlands Writers' Circle, a resonance writers group. For more information https://ahwriterscircleblog.wordpress.com.

Still winter

Be afraid she said, be very afraid.
This long winter is both a blessing and a curse
Deer are out back seeking bits in the snow
Crows are flying from tree to tree looking for leftovers
And here come the turkeys to do the dishes.
Our world is upside down it seems…all because we can't see and feel the earth coming alive like it normally would in April.
This is the blessing I think…giving us the opportunity to take things slowly
To follow the rhythm of the earth as she tells us
There's no hurry
Take your time
Move at the pace of guidance…
Just follow me.

Lee Gauthier is a member of the Algonquin Highlands Writers' Circle, a resonance writers group. For more information https://ahwriterscircleblog.wordpress.com

Come join me

I was birthed from the ocean of tenderness,
and that is where to find the me you so long for.
the part of me you yearn to embrace and lose yourself in is here,
for you.
for you, honey.
lay down ideas;
let go of edges.
it is only in the terrifying and exciting waves of vulnerability
we are free to explore,
free to adore
free
in each other's breath.
I am here,
honey:
in love.
in the ocean of tenderness.
Come join me.

Marci Mandel is a member of the Algonquin Highlands Writers' Circle, a resonance writers group.

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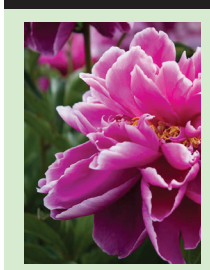

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Executor role: Privilege or punishment

One of most important aspects of the work I do for my clients is to help them prepare for what lies ahead. The most financially successful people tend to be the best prepared and it seems like a large part of every life stage is preparation for the next.

BETH O'CONNOR
THINKING MONEY

For many people, thinking about and planning for the final years of retirement and finances after death is a place many fear to tread.

However, it's also the life stage that depends on detailed planning the most. If you have not determined how, where and with whom you want to spend your final days, someone else could be making those decisions for you when the time comes. It is your right and privilege to ensure you continue to live comfortably, and determine your legacy and how you want it disbursed.

With that in mind, my husband and I recently decided it was time to revisit our wills. We pictured the process going something like this: Here's what we have, here's where it's going, boom. Our three adult sons in their 30s are smart and get along, so we figured all three would be co-executors, and that would be that! We considered the role to be an honour of sorts, like being a best man or maid of honour. Obviously our guys would be thrilled to do it together.

Or so we thought. The first thing our professional advisor asked was why would you want to hand your kids the onerous task of being an executor. They defined the role as stressful, very stressful, and time consuming. There are funeral arrangements that need to be made, government forms to be filled out, outstanding bills to be dealt with, credit cards, bank accounts and utilities to be cancelled, relatives and friends to be called and real estate agents, lawyers and accountants to coordinate. "Where do the kids live?" our advisor asked. "What are their work circumstances? … What will their emotional state be? … Who is going to do what, given that they do not have a financial or administrative background?"

After taking another look at the responsibilities we would be imposing on our kids and reading a recent RBC Wealth Management survey that found 68 per cent of respondents who had been executors would never do it again, we decided to do our family a huge favour and make RBC Estate and Trust Services the executors of our wills.

We learned a lot from our experience, and to help you understand the same key concepts as they relate to your family, my wealth management team and I invite you to attend our estate planning seminar.

The seminar will be held Saturday, April 28 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Active Living Centre, second floor, multi-purpose room, 7 Camp Kitchen Rd., Huntsville, On.

Guest speaker will be Susan MacDonald, TEP, STI, MTI from RBC Estate & Trust Services.

To register visit Canada Summit Centre in person or purchase tickets online at Huntsville.ca-Leisure Activities and Registration Page. Online registration code: 2750.

If you are unable to attend and would like more information, there are some excellent resource materials from RBC that help explain the duties and tasks associated with being an executor. Please contact my associate, Lynne at 705-645-2966 if you have any questions.

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Insight Meditation and Passover, my all inclusive for 2017

It's a Friday in April. It's the day before the beginning of the Jewish Passover, a celebration of freedom from slavery. It is the most celebrated of the Jewish holidays worldwide.

Saturday, sundown, begins with the traditional elaborate meal called a "seder" where the Passover story of how the Jews were slaves of Pharoah in Egypt and escaped to freedom to present day Israel led by their leader, Moses, is recounted. Another Passover tradition is to not eat leavened bread for the eight days of Passover but a flat cracker called matzoh.

I remember my zaide or grandfather would light a match and go around the house checking for any last remains of leavened bread. Today, I'm checking my condo in Toronto not for any last remains of bread but for the ceramic remains of my old toilet that I broke down with a hammer to dispose of it.

Each year, I have moved more and more away from the traditional Jewish family celebration of Passover towards insight mindfulness meditation practices. Actually, the Saturday just before the start of Passover I was involved in a mindfulness study group most of the day. I mentioned this to my daughter when we met for dinner just before Passover.

"Mom, I'm feeling sad because I don't have a family to speak of."

"I know. And the loss of family as we used to know it is particularly hard at holiday time. But why are you thinking about holiday time right now?"

"Mom, this weekend is the beginning of the Passover."

"I can't believe I got it wrong...I thought Passover was at the end of April and I was thinking of making some kind of 'seder' then at the cottage in Haliburton. It shows you where I'm at, focused on the study group I'm going to on Saturday. If you want, you and me could celebrate Passover together in whatever way might work for us....or not. Passover is a celebration of freedom and freedom is about choice after all. Just let me know."

When I sat in my morning meditation practice, the following morning the idea of Passover presented itself :

This year Passover found me.

As it turned out this year, I celebrated Passover with my daughter at her place near Collingwood with, yes, a traditional dinner that included the matzoh, chopped fish, matzoh ball soup, chicken, salads, potatoes ... and preceded by a meditation; and as it turns out this year Passover was celebrated with me getting a new toilet and faucet. The plumber came just before Passover and installed the new toilet and faucet in my condo bathroom and I disposed of the old toilet and as I mentioned checked for any ceramic remains of my old toilet.

In the Fast Lane

Today, at the 50 metre public swimming pool in Toronto, swimming my lengths in the fast lane; on other days I may choose to swim in the medium lane and on still other days I may swim in the slow lane.

"Do you consider yourself a fast swimmer?" you may ask.

"No, actually I believe I am a slow and steady swimmer."

"So why do you choose to swim on most occasions in the fast lane?"

Because my eldest daughter, a former lifeguard, counselled me in the following manner some years ago:

"Mom, relax. In a public pool swim in whatever lane you choose to because every person has her own idea of whether she is a fast, medium or slow swimmer. Just open your eyes and be mindful of other swimmers in your lane and enjoy your swim."

After her counselling, I have a broader outlook on fast, medium and slow when it comes to swimming lengths and on decision making in general.

Of course, when I had occasion to swim lengths in the new UBC aquatic centre, I didn't choose the fast lane because the sign read, "You must be able to complete one length in 25 seconds or less."

Barbara Rosen is a member of the Algonquin Highlands Writers' Circle, a resonance writers group.

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UPCOMING Community Events

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Upcoming Events

Haliburton: Sexual Health Clinic
When: Wednesday, April 25, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 2205.

Haliburton County Historical Society
When: Thursday, April 26, 1:30 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Museum
Speaker: Elva Bates on her father Mr. Fox
Elva Bates was the Township Clerk of Glamorgan and wrote a book on Gooderham. She is bringing books to sell.

Haliburton Highlands Music Festival
When: April 26
Where: Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion
Instrumental classes in the morning and early afternoon, vocal and choral classes in the late afternoon and evening. Free admission. For more information contact Lauren McInnes at 705-457-5115.

Haliburton Highlands Music Festival
When: April 27
Where: Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion
Piano classes in the morning, afternoon, and evening. Free admission. For more information contact Lauren McInnes at 705-457-5115.

The Kinmount Committee for Planning & Economic Development 24th Annual Dinner Auction
When: Saturday, April 28
Where: Galway Hall
Doors Open at 5 PM, Roast Beef Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
Tickets $25.00 Per Person
For tickets call 705.488.2635 or 705.928.2635
Raffles, Silent Auction, Live Auction & Games of Chance

Psychedelica –'60s, '70s Dinner and Dance
When: April 28 at 5 to 10 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion Branch 129 Mountain St, Haliburton
COST:$25
Door prizes, spot dances, 50/50 draw, Country Auction, Cash Bar.
Dance the night away to the best music from the '60s and '70s. Dig out your tie-dyed shirts, bell bottoms trousers, head bands, love beads and gogo boots; or come as you are.
We guarantee you will have a fun evening full of dancing and great music.
Tickets available at CanoeFM & On The Spot Variety in Minden

Highlands Festival Singers, Spring concert
When: Sunday, April 29 or Tuesday, May 1 at 7:30 p.n.
Entitled Jazzin' Up The Highlands under the direction of Melissa Stephens. Special guest Adrien Petric on guitar.Tickets are $15 and are available for purchase from Cranberry Cottage in Haliburton, Minden Pharmasave in Minden, or by calling Beth at 705-457-4916.

Let's Get Rolling
When: Sunday, April 29, 1 p.m.
Where: Minden Community Centre
This kick off for the Haliburton Real Easy Ryders event is social with coffee and goodies as well as club and cycle information. Registration will be available for those who have not already done so online. We welcome all levels of cyclists to join us!

Haliburton: 'Full Disclosure' – Info Session for Businesses About New Inspection Disclosure Rules
When: Monday, April 30, 7 to 9 p.m.
Where: Haliburton United Church (10 George St. at Pine Street) in Haliburton.
Drop-in session to help restaurants, tattoo parlours, salons, pools/spas and other businesses understand new inspection disclosure rules they must follow starting on July 1. For more details, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577

Are you 50+ and interested in meeting new people?
Join us for conversation, table games and a chance to connect with others and enlarge your friendship circle.
North of 50 is a new drop-in for mature adults which starts May 1st. Meetings are at Lakeside Church on Park Street in Haliburton every Tuesday morning from 10 till noon. Refreshments are provided and everyone is welcome. We meet in the library on the main floor of the church. Accessible entrance and parking are available at the back of the church. We look forward to meeting you!

CFUW Haliburton Highlands: Card & Games Party
Proceeds to support Haliburton Highlands Student Bursaries/Community Services
When: Thursday, May 10, 2018
Where: Red Umbrella Inn 1075 Red Umbrella Road, Carnarvon
Time: 11:30 – Social & Luncheon 1:00 – Games Begin
Tickets - $25.00 each
For tickets and information, please contact: Mary (maryejohnson42@gmail.com or 705-754-1884) Susan (suevorvis@gmail.com or 705-754-2395)

Haliburton Highlands Music Festival's Highlights Concert
When: May 3 at 7 p.m.
Where: Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion
Come and hear the best performers from the music festival classes. Tickets are $7.50 each and can be reserved by calling Kit Pizzey at 705-457-1363

Legion Events

Branch 636, Minden
Monday – Thursday Lunch 12 to 2 p.m.
Tuesday Special liver day, regular menu also.
Friday 12 to 2 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m., Fish, Chicken Wings, Fries and Onion Rings.
Daily events:
Monday 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Haliburton Highlands Rug Hookers. (every two weeks)
Tuesday 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Senior art group. 1:00-4:00, Bid Euchre,
Wednesday 12:00- Meat Draws, 4 butcher quality meats for $1.00 a ticket. 1 to 4 p.m., Ladies Darts, 5 to 7 p.m. Calorie Counters.
Thursday 7 p.m. Darts. 7 p.m. Euchre
Friday Every second week, Karaoke with Fred and Linda, 7:30 to 11:30 p.m.
Saturday Special Lunch every week with meat Draw at 1 p.m.
Sunday Sports Day 12 to 4:30 p.m.

Branch 624, Wilberforce
Friday Community Care Lunch 12 p.m.
Call Denice Butler to book 705-448-8865
Everyone 55+ welcome
Pool 1:30 p.m.
Wing night 6:30 to 9 p.m.
Jam session 7:30 p.m.
Saturday Meat draw 2 p.m. - Early bird 3 p.m. sharp
Monday Bid Euchre 7 p.m. Beginners welcome
Tuesday Executive meeting 7 p.m.
Wednesday Fun Darts 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome
Upcoming events
On May 8, we will hold elections to vote in a new executive. We need people to step up or the Legion doors will be closing. Please don't wait to be asked – we need people to get involved. This Legion has done so much for the community. There will be a huge impact if it is gone. We help local churches, hospitals, etc. with our donations, help to send kids to hockey games and of course support Vets. We have almost 200 members and we need you to come out and help keep the doors open.
May 19 Lou Moody Rainbow trout fishing derby
May 20 Mac Hughes Horseshoe tournament

Branch 129, Haliburton
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Mondays:	Bridge every Monday at 1p.m.
Tuesdays:	Tuesday Night Dart League starting at 7p.m.
Wednesdays:	Bid Euchre 1 p.m. start Bingo Doors open at 6 p.m. Bingo starts at 7 p.m. - $500 Jackpot, $1000 Jackpot - last Wednesday of the month.
Thursdays:	General Meeting third Thursday of the month starting at 7 p.m. All members urged to attend. Ladies Auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.
Fridays:	Cribbage 1 p.m. start, Meat Draw Five Draws, Five Prizes each draw, First draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw - 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $2 per draw. Chester Howse, MC Friday fun darts - 4:30 p.m. onwards
Saturdays:	50/50 Draw 4 p.m. draw, Tickets are $1 each from noon onwards
Sundays:	Breakfast Second and fourth Sunday of the month–9:30a.m.–1p.m.$6 per person.

Occasional volunteers are needed.
Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, for more information call the Legion today at **(705) 457- 2571**, email **rcl129@bellnet.ca** or visit **haliburtonlegion.com** Come on out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129, everyone is welcome!

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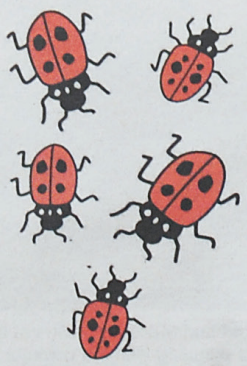

Ladybug relief!

Kym Gordon says she's found a solution to her plague of ladybugs

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Mother trucker

With eight kids to care for, Jo-Anne Howard-Carter takes to the road

See Second Front

Quote of the week

"We are justifiably upset. We have been taken over forcefully."

Vernon LeCraw, page 3

Allison Taylor/TIMES

Spring colours

All hats bright and beautiful were welcome at Zion United Church's spring tea last week. As dozens of well-dressed patrons such as Olive Daniels and Bette Mavor nibbled on delicious treats, they were entertained by the Gentlemen of Song. For details of this annual fundraising event, see page 9.

Shake, rattle and roll

Highlanders feel the earth move during Saturday's earthquake

by MARTHA PERKINS
Special to The Times

In that fuzzy time between sleeping and waking, it takes the brain a few seconds to realize why the entire world is shaking.

"I thought my son Ken was upstairs jumping up and down," Bill Beers says of his rather peculiar experience on Saturday morning. "I thought 'what the...?'"

At the Hunter Creek Estates a few kilometres south of Beers' home on Newcastle Street in Minden, Alf and Moe Briscoe also looked at each other with bewilderment. They were just about to get out of bed at ten to seven when the bed started to shake and their bedroom's sliding glass doors began to rattle.

"Both of us just said 'What was that?'," Alf says.

Turning on their television, they soon found the answer. Commentators were reporting that an earthquake with a reading of 5.5 on the Richter Scale had just reverberated for a good 10 seconds throughout the north-eastern United States and eastern Canada - felt as a gentle rumble all the way to the Highlands. The earthquake's epi-centre was near Lake Champlain in New York.

It soon became the talk of the town on Saturday morning as conversations began with the words "Did you feel it?" Of course, there was also a whole lot of snickering going around

see WAS THAT *page 10*

Minden Food Bank needs help to keep the shelves stocked

by ALLISON TAYLOR
Times staff

It isn't at the brink of closing its doors, but the Minden Food Bank is struggling to keep tummies from rumbling this summer.

"Donations are down a bit but we are holding our own," says Barbara Walford-Davis, president of the Food Bank.

After a long, cold winter and a successful Christmas Baskets program, the food bank is falling on hard times this spring. They are trying desperately to keep the shelves stocked. With shortages in donations of both food and money, the bank has had to cut back on some of the items they usually keep stocked on their shelves. Items such as soap, shampoo and feminine products will not have as big a priority as food, unless the donation levels increase a little.

The shelves aren't empty but they are looking a little sparse. Empty boxes and open spaces are evident at first sight.

"Once Christmas was over there was a drop in the amount that people give," she says.

It isn't the end of the road, but the needs of the Food Bank are considerable, she says.

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